

REMARKS

Applicant initially notes with appreciation that in the official action dated May 25, 2010, the Examiner indicates that claims 9-18 are directed to patentable subject matter. However, it is further noted that claim 9 has been objected to on the basis that lack of antecedent basis exists for the recitation "said coupling element" therein. Reference is thus made to the above-noted amendments to claim 9, in which the limitations with respect to the organ member and the coupling organ are now positively recited at an earlier portion of this claim such that later reference to these elements is now appropriate. Thus, proper antecedent basis now exists for each of these claim elements.

It is thus believed that, in view of this amendment of claim 9, this claim is clearly now in condition for allowance, as are claims 10-18 dependent thereon. Thus, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which she might have.

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Finally, if there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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